STATUS OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A method for controlling a computer system for tracking prescriptive medication, to address and control prescription drug abuse, the computer system comprising a processor and a connection between the processor and a plurality of entities, the entities having pharmaceutical data related to prescriptive medication purchases by a plurality of purchasers from a time of the connection between the processor and the entity, said method comprising:

providing connections from the processor to the plurality of entities, said plurality of entities comprising a plurality of ~~both~~ affiliated and unaffiliated pharmacies;

obtaining and storing the pharmaceutical data related to the prescriptive medication purchases by the purchasers from said plurality of entities;

selectively transferring said pharmaceutical data through said connections to at least one of said plurality of entities for obtaining a complete prescriptive history of the purchaser, the complete prescriptive history comprising all prescriptive medications purchased in the aggregate by the purchaser from all of said plurality of entities based on the pharmaceutical data; and

generating via the processor from said complete prescriptive history of the purchaser one or more patterns which flag prescriptive drug abuse.

2. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

providing that said at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a physician's office and the purchaser is a patient of said physician; and

said physician's office utilizing said pharmaceutical data to verify said complete prescriptive history of the purchaser.

3. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

providing that said at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a pharmacy with a pharmacist;

the purchaser requesting that said pharmacist fill a new prescriptive medication; and

said pharmacist utilizing said pharmaceutical data to compare said new prescriptive medication with respect to said complete prescriptive history of the purchaser.

4. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 3, further comprising:

said pharmacist accepting or declining to fill said new prescriptive medication based on said complete prescriptive history.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing that at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a hospital and the purchaser is a patient of said hospital; and

said hospital utilizing said pharmaceutical data to determine said complete prescriptive history of the purchaser.

7. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing that said pharmaceutical data for each of said prescriptive medication purchases comprises a name of purchaser, an address of the purchaser, a drug prescribed, a quantity of said drug, a dosage of said drug, a pharmacist name, and a doctor name.

8. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

searching the pharmaceutical data based on one or more of said name of ~~a~~ the purchaser, said address of the purchaser, said drug prescribed, said quantity of said drug, said dosage of said drug, said pharmacist name, and said doctor name.

9. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

storing via the computer system the pharmaceutical data related to whether a request for filling a prescriptive medication is filled or declined.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

providing that at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a government agency.

11-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Amended) A method for controlling a computer system for tracking prescriptive medications, to address and control prescription drug abuse, the computer system comprising a processor and a connection between the processor and a plurality of entities, the entities having pharmaceutical data related to prescriptive medication purchases by a plurality of purchasers from a time of the connection between the processor and the entity, said method comprising:

providing connections from the processor to the plurality of entities, said plurality of entities being a group consisting essentially of a plurality of hospitals, a plurality of doctors, at least one government agency, or combinations thereof;

obtaining and storing the pharmaceutical data relating to prescriptive medication purchases by the plurality of purchasers from a plurality of pharmacies;

selectively transferring said pharmaceutical data through said connections to at least one of said plurality of entities for obtaining a complete prescriptive history of purchaser, the complete prescriptive history comprising all prescriptive medications purchased in the aggregate by purchaser from all of said plurality of pharmacies based on said pharmaceutical data; and

generating from said complete prescriptive history of the purchaser one or more patterns which flag prescriptive drug abuse.

23. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the one or more patterns generated from the complete prescriptive history indicate prescription duplication, multi-source prescription abuse, or combinations thereof.

24. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more patterns generated from the complete prescriptive history indicate prescription duplication, multi-source prescription abuse, or combinations thereof.